

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
HERSHEY MILL DAM COMMITTEE  
1580 PAOLI PIKE  
NOVEMBER 10, 2016 – 6:30 pm  
APPROVED MINUTES**

**Present:**

Sue Davis, Blake Goll, Wayne Hall, Wendy Bartenstein, Nancy Aller, Ed Tomlinson, and Jim Brandolini. Also in attendance was Sue Smith, Public Works Secretary.

**Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance:**

Wayne called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm and lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Moment of Silence:**

Wayne called for a moment of silence to honor the members of the military who defend our country.

**Minutes**

It was suggested adding a comment about a walking and bike path on the side of Hershey Mill Road. Sue Davis moved to approve the minutes for the November 3, 2016, meeting with the above addition; the motion was seconded by Wendy Bartenstein and approved unanimously.

**New Business:**

The members discussed the following:

- Establish viable wetlands – Natural wetlands, soil testing analysis, flora, and fauna. The land may not be the best for a playground. Boardwalks to be put in. Trails in the sewer easement. Walking trails and bridges. With the planting for the wetlands there are grants available.
- Improve the health of the stream
- Re-establish the ecological function of the area – Flora, and fauna – Herbaceous wetland species were shown by Blake and Woody wetland species were also shown. Could stone or stepping stones be put near the stream? Milkweed will be planted for the Monarch butterflies.
- Trails – in the sewer easement and also along the water.
- Fish pond – will remain possibility of benches, gazebo, and a rope swing. Have a stocked pond.
- Small waterfall or have stream flow over rocks – When this is drained could they put a waterfall feature in. For the sound of water flowing.
- Use of native plants – Blake explained about plants that provide for the insects, birds and animals. Invasive species may be in the area. Salt hay should be planted for good groundcover to ward off invasive species. A Butterfly garden will attract pollinators. Around the border of the open area you should have a shrub area for the birds “a buffer zone”, these trees or shrubs will have to be caged for 3 years for protection from deer.

- Parking – Wayne talked about Hershey Mill Road and Tanglewood Drive, you foresee no added parking spaces, walking and bike riding will be the main transportation. Additional parking is not an immediate priority at this time.
- Pedestrian access to the area – Ed and Wayne talked about four areas of access that are already established easements. They will need to be cleaned out.
- Area for recreation - “needs to be passive” or a recreation field with “nature play” or an exploration area.
- Playground- After reconsideration, the playground is not one of the opportunities to create. This will be taken off the list.
- Information to the neighborhood – Communicate the passive recreation area. Mosquitoes and bugs will be managed with moving water. Repopulation for honey bees is a thought for education.
- Terms of the banks once they are graded. Trees and rocks can hold the banks in place but trees will block the views. Low ground covers would work better.
- A bird blind could be put up as a possibility. Shade trees are recommended. Bicycle racks, bat houses could be an Eagle Scout Project and bird house to attract wildlife.

Rocks and Geology – Ed asked about the rocks and geology, is there anything significant about them.

**Meeting Dates**

The Committee reviewed the following meeting dates as proposed by Simone Collins:

Committee Meeting #1	Nov 17, 6:30 pm
Committee Meeting #2	January 17, 6:30 pm
Committee Meeting #3	February 23, 6:30 pm
Committee Meeting #4	May 24, 6:30 pm (review draft plan comments)

Public Meeting #1	December 5, 7 pm
Public Meeting #2	January 26, 7 pm
Public Meeting #3	March 23, 7 pm (draft plan – 60 day review)
Public Meeting #4	June 22, 7pm (final plan presentation)

Tom moved to approve the dates as presented; the motion was seconded by Jim and approved unanimously.

**Old Business**

**Public Comment**

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm. With a motion by Ed Tomlinson and seconded by Wendy Bartenstein.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Smith  
Public Works Secretary

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